

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- v. -

RANDY MENA CONTRERAS,

Defendant.

ORDER

20 Cr. 113 (LAK)

WHEREAS, defendant RANDY MENA CONTRERAS is scheduled to enter a guilty plea before Magistrate Judge Debra Freeman on May 13, 2020;

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic necessitates that the proceeding take place remotely;


WHEREAS the Court understands that Magistrate Judge Freeman shall ~~accept~~ *recommend acceptance or rejection of* the defendant's plea by telephone because videoconferencing is not reasonably available;

WHEREAS the CARES Act and findings made by the Judicial Conference of the United States and Chief Judge Colleen McMahon of the Southern District of New York allow for guilty pleas to be taken by phone or video, subject to certain findings made by the District Judge;

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS, that because the defendant has consented to proceeding remotely, and for the reasons set forth in the parties' application dated May 11, 2020, the plea cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
May 12, 2020



THE HONORABLE LEWIS A. KAPLAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK